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SUB: STUDENTS AND LABOR AT U. OF GHANA

REF: ACCRA 414

1. SEVERAL MEETINGS WERE HELD AT LEGON JAN 20 IN EFFORT (1) TO REGISTER PROTEST BY STUDENTS AT POLICE FIRING, AND (2) TO PACIFY LABORERS AND GET THEM TO RETURN TO WORK PENDING SETTLEMENT OF THEIR DEMAND FOR INCREASE IN WAGES.
2. SUDANESE STUDENT WHO WAS KILLED WAS HERE ON UNDP PROGRAM. UNDP REPRESENTATIVE HERE TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR SUDANESE COMMUNITY (NOW JOINED BY AMBASSADOR WHO HAS ARRIVED FROM LAGOS) IS ANGERED BY GOG REFUSAL TO PERMIT THEM TO IDENTIFY BODY AND TREAT IT ACCORDING TO ISLAMIC RITUAL. REPRESENTATIVE SAID GOG IS UNBENDING IN ITS FOLLOWING OF PRESCRIBED FORMALITIES AND, IN HIS VIEW, IS BEING INSENSITIVE TO RELIGIOUS SENTIMENTS OF SUDANESE.

3. IT NOW APPEARS THAT GOG WILL PERMIT PROCESSION WITH BODY FROM CAMPUS TO AIRPORT. THERE IS FLIGHT TO ADDIS JAN 21 AND TWO TO CAIRO JAN 22. NOT YET CERTAIN WHICH OF THESE WILL BE USED.

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4. COMMENT: FAILURE TO PERMIT PRESS PUBLICATION INEVITABLY
LEADS TO EXAGGERATED ACTIVITY IN RUMOR MILL. STUDENT'S PRINCIPAL
COMPLAINT TO GOG SEEMS TO BE THAT SUCH INCIDENTS SHOULD BE
REPORTED AND SOME EVIDENCE OF CONTRITION BY GOG GIVEN. AT
ROOT, OF COURSE, IS GOG FEET-DRAGGING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF
TWO-CEDI-A-DAY MINIMUM WAGE FOR ITS OWN EMPLOYEES,
WHICH LABORERS AT UNIVERSITY ARE, EVEN THOUGH UNDER "AUTONOMOUS
BODY."
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